

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE T

Measure T, "A Fair Share for Richmond," will bring hundreds of new jobs to Richmond: new service jobs, contracts with local companies, and partnerships with local non-profits.

Measure T will help Richmond advance towards a new and sustainable economy. Richmond residents could be employed in city services (libraries and recreation), fixing streets, solar installation, and servicing at-risk populations with crime and violence prevention tools.

Measure T will affect only a tiny fraction of Richmond's 68 licensed manufacturers. Companies will only be affected if 0.25% (**¼ of 1%**) of the value of their raw materials exceeds their current fee.

Green businesses like solar panel distributors and installers will **not** be affected. A manufacturer of countertops from inexpensive recycled materials is unlikely to be affected. A bakery with 200 employees would have to spend over \$3.4 million on ingredients like sugar and flour before being affected.

By far the largest manufacturer in Richmond is Chevron, which continues to make record profits (\$46.5 billion, January 2006-June 2008) while operating its refinery in a prime location on the Richmond shoreline. Less than 5% of Chevron employees are Richmond residents. It is fair to require that Chevron do more for Richmond.

Investing in Richmond will enhance the quality of life in the community, providing an environment that gives young working families a reason to stay while attracting new businesses to Richmond.

Measure T provides funds for job creation, a cleaner community, and a brighter future.

Vote YES on Measure T for Richmond's fair share.

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